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1. ACCORDING TO U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE, ROBERT NUNNERY, SENIOR SPECIAL AGENT, OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS, AND STANLEY VARUSIO, CUSTOMS ATTACHE, U.S. EMBASSY, ROME, PLAN TO VISIT SOUTH AFRICA ON OCTOBER 13 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS ON SMUGGLING ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST. DISCUSSION WILL PRIMARILY CONCERN SMUGGLING OF GOLD AND DIAMONDS FROM SOUTH AFRICA TO U.S. AND SMUGGLING OF STOLEN AUTOMOBILES FROM U.S. TO SOUTH AFRICA. ACCORDING TO NUNNERY, U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE HAS BEEN SEEKING TO HOLD SUCH DISCUSSIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIALS FOR SOME TIME AND IS PLEASED THAT SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE NOW DECIDED TO MOVE AHEAD ON MATTER. WE PROVIDED NUNNERY WITH BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON U.S. POLICY TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA AND SUGGESTED HE AND VARUSIO CONTACT EMBASSY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER ARRIVAL IN SOUTH AFRICA. KISSINGER

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